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In Jan 2025, traffic officials record 81,371 cases of wrongful parking in city; other than congestion chaos, this issue has thrown school buses off gear as they struggle to navigate residential areas to pick and drop children

TRICKY MANOEUVRE

Sporadic drives to clear illegally parked vehicles not effective

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School buses in Bengaluru are facing persistent delays as illegally parked vehicles obstruct narrow streets, severely affecting their turning radius and causing disruptions to student commutes. Parents have raised concerns about the issue, which has been escalating in several residential areas and commercial hubs across the city.

The delays not only make students late for school but also add to the already chaotic traffic situation in the city. Bus drivers often have to take longer detours or wait for car owners to move their vehicles, exacerbating the issue. In January 2025 alone, authorities recorded a staggering 81,371 cases of wrongful parking across the city. This figure shows the growing issue of illegal parking, which continues to contribute to traffic congestion and road safety concerns. Over the course of 2024,

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THINGS TO DO

01 Innovative art

Sublime Galleria is presenting 'Carpeted Journey Within', featuring innovative art integrated with augmented reality by Fannan Raza. A unique blend of framed carpet art, where augmented reality and audio experiences bring each piece to life, telling stories of resilience and transformation. **Where: Sublime Gallery, UB City; When: Opening on March 14**

02 Garment gala

National Silk Expo, an exhibition-cum-sale of Indian handlooms is being organised with a wide range of handmade silk and cotton garments, designer wear, ethnic wear, dress materials, home linen, fashion jewellery and much more. **Where: Sindhur Convention Center, JP Nagar; When: March 8 to March 16, 11 am to 9 pm**

03 Celebrate womanhood

Watson's is set to host a Women's Day celebration, dedicated to honoring and celebrating the spirit of womanhood with music, entertainment, and exciting perks for all ladies attending. Renowned artist Anita Rajkumari will be offering complimentary glitter makeup to all the ladies, ensuring they sparkle all night long. **Where: Watson's, Indiranagar; When: March 8, 9 pm**

04 Run in red

Arogya World is organising #RunInRed, a flagship event dedicated to raising awareness about women's heart health by Arogya World's My Thali program. There will be a 3 km and a 5 km walkathon. Shri Dinesh Gundu Rao, Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Karnataka, will be the chief guest for the event. **Where: Christ University, Koramangala; When: March 9, 6 am**

05 Meaningful conversations

Go Native is organising a Human Library event for women. Each chapter of the Human Library is designed to enable a confluence of stories and experiences of its participants. It offers a guided space for meaningful and non-judgmental conversations. **Where: Go Native, Jayanagar; When: March 8, 3.30 pm**

Happy Women's Day, by the way

Members of Anganwadi Employees Association and CITU protest at Freedom Park, on Friday. The anganwadi workers have been demanding fair pay and regularisation of services

Temporary fix for a permanent problem?

As many universities in state struggle with just handful of permanent staff, experts warn against impending doom of university closures

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In a shocking revelation, 12 state universities are currently operating without a single permanent faculty member. Despite vacancies created due to retirements, many amongst the 32 government universities of the state have not recruited faculty members for the past 10 to 12 years. Instead, these institutions heavily rely on guest lecturers, raising concerns over the quality of education being imparted. Experts caution that if the situation persists, more universities could face the risk of closure in the coming years.

Higher education crisis in numbers

4,709 – Sanctioned teaching positions

1,714 – Teaching staff currently in service

9,317 – Sanctioned non-teaching staff positions

2,821 – Non-teaching staff currently in service

652 – Sanctioned professor positions

150 – Professors currently working

Limited staff in key universities

A Higher Education Department official noted that several universities are struggling with a severe faculty shortage, operating with just a handful of professors. "Raichur, Bagalkot, and Bengaluru North Universities each have only three to four professors, while Bengaluru City and Haveri Folklore Universities have 11 and 8 faculty members, respectively," the official said. The official pointed out that major universities are grappling with an acute shortage of professors. Adding to the crisis, the absence of senior professors to mentor associate professors has become a growing concern. "Of the 652 sanctioned professor posts, only 150 are currently filled, further highlighting the urgent need for faculty recruitment," the official added.

Universities in Chamarajanagar, Bidar, Koppal, Kodagu, Hassan, Haveri, Maharani Cluster University (Bengaluru), Nrupatunga University (Bengaluru), and Mandya have zero permanent faculty and non-teaching staff. Similarly, Dr Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University (Mysuru) and BR Ambedkar School of Economics (Bengaluru), established in 2009, also lack permanent faculty and administrative staff.

University administrations have submitted proposals to the government, requesting the urgent recruitment of permanent faculty

Government intervention sought

Sources said that university administrations have submitted proposals to the government, requesting the urgent recruitment of permanent faculty and non-teaching staff. Currently, visiting professors are being appointed to keep the institutions running, but experts stress that this is not a sustainable solution. Seetharam, a student activist highlighted that the ongoing faculty shortage raises serious concerns about the future of higher education in the state. "Unless immediate action is taken, students may face diminishing academic standards, affecting the overall quality of education in the state," he said.

> **"Of the 652 sanctioned professor posts, only 150 are currently filled, further highlighting the urgent need for faculty recruitment**
> – Higher Education Dept official

BM Trippin' Tales

Vacay mode on: B'lureans gear up for summer travel

Travel inquiries witness upsurge ahead of vacations, airlines and hotels introduce discounts

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As summer approaches, Kodagu, Ooty, Kerala, and Goa remain high on the list of preferred travel destinations for Bengalureans, while international trips to Thailand, Bali, and Dubai also seem to be gaining traction.

Travel agencies in Bengaluru reported a significant surge in bookings compared to last year. "There has been a 30% increase in inquiries for summer vacation packages. People are looking for hill stations, beach resorts, and even adventure trips," said Rahul Menon, a travel consultant. He noted that international travel is also on the rise. with affordable flight deals and visa-on-arrival destinations attracting more travellers.

For many Bengalureans, summer travel is a chance to reconnect with family and take a much-needed break. "We are planning a trip to Shimla and Manali with my parents and siblings. It has been a long time since we traveled together, and we want to escape the Bengaluru heat," said Sneha Rao, a software engineer. Karan Shetty, a college student, also expressed his excitement about his summer trip. "We have booked our flights to Thailand. This will be our first international trip, and we are excited to explore new places, try different cuisines, and just relax on the beaches," he said.

While many are heading out of the city, some prefer shorter road trips. Due to their close proximity to the city, and ease of travel, weekend getaway destinations like Chikmagalur, Gokarna, and Wayanad are gaining popularity amongst travellers as well. "We don't have time for a long vacation, so we're planning a quick road trip to Coorg," said Vinay Kumar, an entrepreneur. He said that the location is close to Bengaluru, making the trip a short and refreshing getaway.

The surge in travel demand has led to the introduction of special summer discounts by various hotels and airlines. However, experts advise early bookings in order to get the best deals, and avoid last-minute price hikes.

2 women crushed to death by speeding car

A speeding car fatally hit two women standing by the roadside near the Byatarayanapura junction on Bangalore-Bellary Road on Friday afternoon. The crash also led to a series of accidents around 1 pm.

The identities of the deceased women are yet to be ascertained. After hitting them, the car crashed into two to three other vehicles. A preliminary police investigation has revealed that speed was the primary cause of the accident.

Officers from the Hebbal Traffic Police Station arrived at the scene to assess the situation.

The accident caused a major disruption, leading to traffic congestion on the busy road for some time.

Officials are working to identify the victims and trace the driver. **BMB**

Ranya Rao remanded to DRI custody for 3 days

A special economic offences court on Friday remanded Sandalwood actress Ranya Rao, alias Harshavardini Ranya, to the custody of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) for three days for further investigation into a gold smuggling case.

Ranya was arrested by DRI officials at Bengaluru International Airport on March 3 after she was found smuggling 14.2 kg of gold worth Rs12.86 crore. Judge Vishwanath Channabasappa Gowdar of the Special Court for Economic Offences approved the DRI's request for custody, citing the need to trace the origins of the smuggled gold and its potential links to anti-national activities. Ranya had filed for bail, but the court has suspended the hearing on her application. **BMB**

Metro services partially cancelled on March 9

BMRCL has announced a partial suspension of Metro services on the Purple Line between Magadi Road and MG Road this Sunday due to essential track maintenance work. The disruption will last for three hours, from 7-10 am. During this period, Metro stations including Cubbon Park, Dr BR Ambedkar Station, Vidhana Soudha, Sir M Visvesvaraya Station, Central College, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda (Majestic - Purple Line), and Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station will remain temporarily closed.

BMRCL has disabled the purchase of QR tickets and tokens for travel between the Purple and Green Lines during the affected hours. Commuters are advised not to buy tickets for travel via Majestic station during this period. **BMB**

Struck in a grey area

Drivers face charges under Wildlife Protection Act for animal deaths in road accidents

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When a wild animal is killed in a road accident, the Forest Department does not classify it as a mere vehicle accident. Instead, it treats the incident as a case of reckless driving and registers it as a wildlife killing under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, holding the driver and vehicle owner accountable. Even if clear visual evidence suggests that the death occurred due to an accident, forest officials remain skeptical, putting drivers and owners in a legal bind.

Recent Incident Raises Concerns

A recent incident near Agumbe on National Highway 169(A) highlights this issue. A vehicle collided with a sambar deer, causing severe abdominal injuries to the animal, which succumbed to its wounds about 10 mt from the accident site. The newly purchased car, worth approximately ₹25 lakh, was heavily damaged, and the owner also sustained injuries.

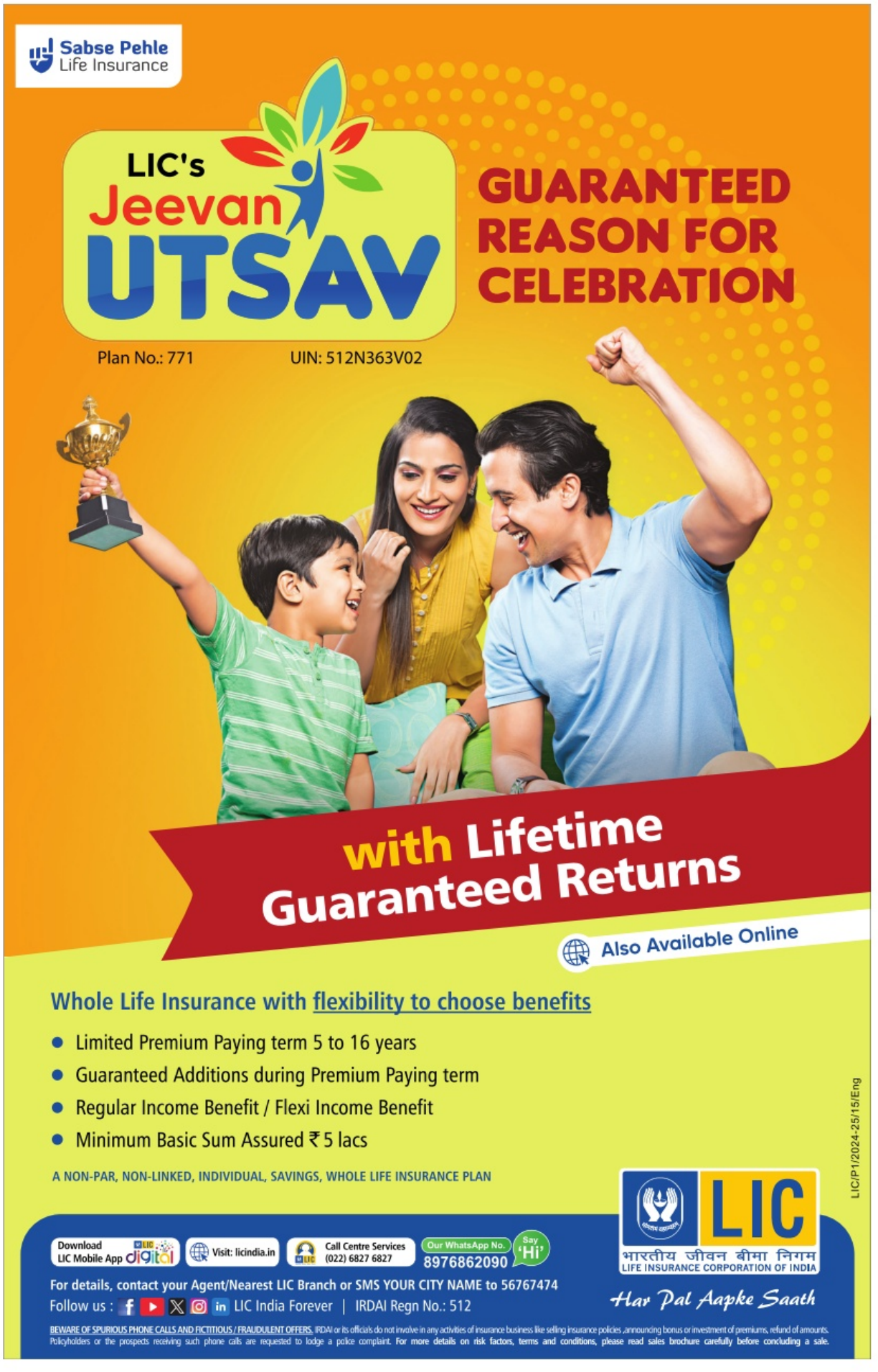
Despite clear video evidence confirming it was an accident, forest officials from the Agumbe division conducted an investigation and filed a case against the vehicle owner for wildlife killing. Now, the owner is compelled to apply for bail. An activist said, "This case has sparked public debate, questioning how forest officials interpret wildlife protection laws. The absence of protective barriers along roads passing through forest areas leads to frequent animal crossings. When an accident occurs, the driver and owner are held responsible, raising concerns about the legal clarity of such cases."

Lack of legal clarity

The Wildlife Protection Act of 1972 strictly prohibits harming, capturing, or transporting wild animals. It considers activities like disturbing nests and using explosives or hazardous chemicals in wildlife areas as criminal offenses. However, the Act also states that harming an animal in self-defence is not a crime. However, there is no clear legal guideline on how to handle accidental wildlife collisions on roads passing through forest areas.

Need for legal reforms

Addressing the issue, former Home Minister and Tirthahalli MLA Araga Jnanendra said, "The Forest Department must consider the circumstances of each case rather than automatically registering wildlife killing cases. There is a need for amendments to the Wildlife Protection Act. He confirmed that a formal request would be sent to the central government to review and clarify the legal stance on such incidents.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Digital training boost for law enforcement

City police to receive computer training session to polish their IT skills, get on top of cybersecurity, social media, manage websites they handle better

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In a significant step towards enhancing the digital proficiency of its personnel, the City Police will commence structured computer training sessions on a calendar basis starting Tuesday. As part of this initiative, two officers from each police station will undergo dedicated training to strengthen their capacity from basic computer skills to cybersecurity and digital investigation skills.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Administration) Kuldeep Kumar Jain emphasised that the city police manage 40 to 45 portals, and training sessions are conducted on a rotational basis to ensure officers are well-versed in their usage.

"It is a holistic approach, whatever the police personnel need to improve or understand better is covered, including social media, cybersecurity, e-office operations, portal management, arms-related matters, narcotics, and missing child cases," he said. The training aims to enhance their skills across multiple aspects, not just in cyber-related areas but in all critical policing domains.

The training sessions follow the recent inauguration of the revamped Computer Training Centre by Bengaluru Police Commissioner B Dayanand, IPS, on February 25. The centre, designed to accommodate 30 to 35 personnel at a time, has been upgraded with modern computers, a high-tech projector, and interactive learning tools. The facility is also equipped with video conferencing capabilities, ensuring that even in cases of high demand, officers can access recorded sessions or attend subsequent sessions when the topic is repeated.

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Advanced courses also included

The training program follows a structured weekly schedule, with each session lasting a minimum of three hours. A 15-day schedule is prepared in advance based on requirements, allowing various officers and staff to attend relevant training sessions. Officers must nominate themselves for specific sessions, and if demand exceeds available slots, they can either join via video conferencing or attend a later session.

Commissioner Dayanand highlighted that the initiative will not only focus on advanced cybercrime investigations but will also cover essential computer skills and police IT training for all staff, including ministerial personnel. "With cybercrimes on the rise and most police operations now digitised, it is imperative that our personnel are equipped with the necessary digital skills to effectively carry out their duties," he said.

> **"It is a holistic approach, whatever they need to improve or understand better is covered** – Kuldeep Kumar Jain. Jt Commissioner of Police

The revamped training centre marks a continuation of the department's efforts to integrate technology into policing. While computer training has been available since 2011, the latest upgrades ensure that officers receive continuous skill development aligned with the evolving technological landscape.

HC dismisses BJP MLA Munirathna's plea

The Karnataka High Court on Friday dismissed a petition filed by BJP MLA Munirathna seeking to quash an FIR registered against him in a caste atrocity case.

Munirathna, a former minister and Rajarajeshwari Nagar MLA, had moved the court to cancel the case related to caste abuse, which was registered at Vyalikaval police station, Bengaluru. He was arrested earlier in connection with the case.

Summons to CM's wife cancelled

Meanwhile, the High Court on Friday quashed the summons issued by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to CM Siddaramiah's wife, Parvathi, and Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh in connection with the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case. The judgment pronounced by High Court Justice M Nagaprasanna comes as a huge relief to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. Parvathi and Minister Byrathi Suresh had approached the High Court to appeal for cancelling ED summons in connection with the MUDA scam.

The petition demanding a CBI probe was also dismissed by the High Court, saying that it was not required given that another agency (Lokayukta) was conducting an enquiry.

Earlier in December, Munirathna was booked in another case for allegedly planning to murder a former JD(S) Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) contractor and her husband, among other offences, including voyeurism and outraging the modesty of a woman. Bengaluru police filed the FIR) on November 30 against Munirathna and others. **— ANI**

IN THE COURT THE PRINCIPLACIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT NELAMANGALA.

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BETWEEN:

1. **Sri. Jinnavenkatappa** S/o Late. Siddagangaiah, Aged about 48 years, Hanumanthegowdanpalya, Yentiganahalli Post, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural. 2. **Sri. Gangaraju** S/o Late. Siddagangaiah, Aged about 42 years, Hanumanthgowdanpalya, Yentiganahalli Post, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural. 3. **Smt. Parvathamma.** S D/o Late. Siddagangaih W/o Nagaraj Yadav, Aged about 44 years, A.V.No.M.F-1/8 Police Officers QTRS, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore South, P O Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076. .....**Petitioners.**

AND:

The Thasildar, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural. .....**Respondant**

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Whereas, the above petitioners have filed the petition for issued of death certificate of deceased **Sri. Siddagangaiah** S/o Late. Gangaiah, who is the father of the petitioner who died on **11.04.2023** at Yantaganahalli, Nelamangala. Any person interested in the matter may appear before the Hon'ble Pri. Civil Judge at Nelamangala on **22.04.2025** at **11.00 AM** to which date the case posted for issuance of summons before the Hon'ble Court.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on **21.02.2025.**

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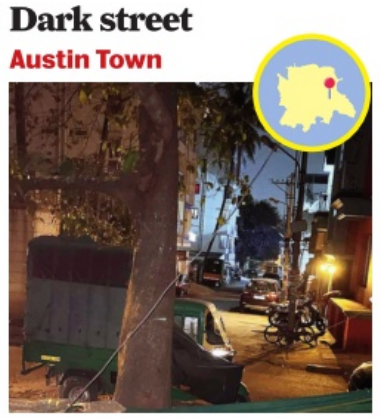

B Block, Anglo Indian Quarters, Austin Town, Ward 111, has been in darkness for the past 10 days. No action has been taken despite repeated complaints.

Dirty street
HSR Layout

Construction debris and garbage are strewn across 12th Main, 21st Cross, 7th Sector. It's been two years and there is no respite. Will BBMP finally step in?

Please note that this is a grievance column where we put forth the grievances as and how we receive them from readers. In our March 7 edition, we had carried a photo we received from a reader about a tree that was posing danger to motorists. We would like to stress that BM does not in any way endorse the haphazard chopping of trees. Through this column, we raise readers' issues and leave it to the discretion of the experts to take the best course of action in collaboration with the stakeholders involved.

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BMTC to get 9,000 electric buses, 1,000 diesel buses

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's budget said that public transport would receive a major boost by introducing 14,750 new electric buses under PM e-DRIVE, PM-eBus Sewa, and Externally Aided Projects, with 9,000 of these allocated to BMTC (Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation). Additionally, 1,000 new diesel buses will be inducted under the Gross Cost Contract (GCC) model to strengthen the transport system.

Suburban network

"The Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project, valued at ₹15,767 crore, is progressing steadily. Covering 148 km and 58 stations, the project has two corridors under construction, while the tender process for the remaining two corridors will be completed soon. The city's rail network is also being strengthened with the doubling of 70 km of railway lines on the Baiyappanahalli-Hosur and Yeshwantpur-Channasandra routes at an estimated cost of ₹812 crore, with ₹406 crore funded by the state government," CM said.

Modernisation of majestic

To modernise urban infrastructure, the government has introduced the Project Majestic scheme, under which the Bengaluru Majestic Bus Stand will be redeveloped as a transport hub with a commercial complex under the public-private partnership model.

BUDGET IN NUMBERS

₹4,09,549 crore Total budget size for the financial year

₹3,71,383 crore Estimated Consolidated Fund for the state

₹3,68,674 crore Total anticipated receipts, ensuring financial inflow for government projects and services

₹2,63,178 crore Revenue receipts, which include taxes, duties, and grants

₹1,05,246 crore Public debt, indicating planned borrowings to support development

₹3,71,383 crore Total estimated expenditure to fund various government initiatives

₹2,90,531 crore Revenue expenditure, covering operational costs, salaries, and subsidies

₹55,877 crore Capital expenditure, allocated for infrastructure development and long-term assets

₹24,794 crore Loan repayments, ensuring responsible debt management

₹86,423 crore Gender budget allocation, supporting women's welfare and empowerment programs

₹54,617 crore Dedicated funds for children's welfare, including education, healthcare, and nutrition

Upgrading Haj Bhavan

Healthcare services in the city will see significant upgrades with the construction of a 200-bed hospital in Bengaluru North Taluk at a cost of ₹150 crore. Education will also receive a boost with the establishment of a Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) regional centre in Haj Bhavan, offering various courses for minority students.

Plant phenotyping

In the field of research and technology, CM announced a Plant Phenotyping Facility will be set up at Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra (GKVK) in Bengaluru to develop drought and disease-resistant crops. A Buddhist Study Academy will be established in the city, and the 100-year-old library at the Mahabodhi Study Centre will be digitised and upgraded at a cost of ₹1 crore. Bengaluru will also host the India Skills-2026 competition to prepare Indian participants for the World Skills Competition.

Update of offices

Administrative modernisation is another key focus area, with ₹76 crore allocated to upgrade 36 sub-registrar offices in Bengaluru, which handle 75% of Karnataka's total registrations. These offices will be modernised to offer better services and infrastructure. Additionally, advanced Industry 4.0 labs will be set up at KGTTI (Karnataka German Technical Training Institute) Centres in Bengaluru to enhance technical training and align it with modern industrial standards.

More housing is on way

Housing development will be supported through the Karnataka Housing Board's Suryanagar Phase-IV Scheme in Anekal Taluk, which will develop 16,140 plots. These will be distributed on a 50:50 basis to landowners, while the remaining plots will be sold to the public at affordable prices.

SPV to manage funds

The crumbling infrastructure of Bengaluru has received budgetary support in terms of a special-purpose vehicle. During the budget speech on Friday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said, "To ensure efficient utilisation of funds, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be established to manage grants and prioritise key developmental projects. This year, the annual grant for Bengaluru has been increased from ₹3,000 crore to ₹7,000 crore."

Govt guarantee

BBMP has implemented several revenue-enhancing reforms, including the adoption of online e-Khata and improved estate management rules, which have resulted in an additional revenue of ₹4,556 crore. The newly introduced Advertisement Bye-laws 2025 are also expected to generate another ₹750 crore. To facilitate major infrastructure projects, the government has provided a ₹19,000 crore guarantee to BBMP for developing North-South and East-West tunnel corridors, a part of a larger ₹40,000 crore project.

Double decker flyovers

CM said, "To address Bengaluru's persistent traffic congestion, the budget has proposed multiple measures, including a 40.5 km double-decker flyover integrated with Namma Metro Phase 3 at a cost of ₹8,916 crore. The city will also see the construction of 120 km of flyovers and grade separators to improve connectivity and ease vehicular movement."

Brand Bengaluru

The Brand Bengaluru initiative has been allocated ₹1,800 crore for 21 projects aimed at transforming the city. CM said that a Comprehensive Health Programme worth ₹413 crore will be rolled out over the next three years to enhance healthcare infrastructure. Under the Green Bengaluru initiative, work on 14 lakes is in progress at a cost of ₹35 crore, while rejuvenation efforts for Varthur and Bellandur lakes have been undertaken at ₹234 crore.

Urban flooding

To mitigate urban flooding and improve drainage, a flood management system will be implemented in BBMP areas at a cost of ₹2,000 crore. "BWSSB will develop wastewater treatment plants and sewage pumping systems worth ₹1,070 crore, while stormwater drain reconstruction and lake rejuvenation efforts will be carried out at a cost of ₹239 crore. The Kaveri Stage-V project, completed at ₹5,550 crore, has introduced an additional 775 MLD of water supply, benefiting 50 lakh residents across 110 villages. A Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Cauvery Stage-VI will also be prepared," CM said.

Biogas-based income

Budget highlighted that the pending PRR has been renamed the Bengaluru Business Corridor. BWSSB will implement a Public-Private Partnership model to generate biogas-based income and carbon credits from wastewater treatment plants, CM stated.

Budget prioritises coding education

With AI and coding shaping the future, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has proposed introducing these skills to government school students. CM announced a series of initiatives aimed at empowering students in government schools and colleges with cutting-edge learning tools, and career-oriented training. "Under the AI-driven "Kalika Deepa" programme, the state government, in collaboration with Ek-Step Foundation, will introduce artificial intelligence-based learning in 2,000 government schools. This initiative is designed to help students master Kannada and English languages with confidence while also strengthening their early mathematical skills," CM said.

Recognising the growing importance of coding and technology, the government will establish I-Code Labs in partnership with Agastya Foundation. A network of 63 ICT-enabled schools will serve as hubs, benefiting 756 spoke schools.

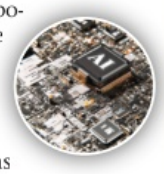
AI-driven governance

The Karnataka government is leveraging cutting-edge technology to enhance governance and public service delivery. Siddaramaiah said that AI-driven grievance redressal is being strengthened with the introduction of IPGRS 2.0, making Karnataka a leader in citizen-centric digital administration. The Karnataka Advanced Attendance Management System will be implemented across all departments, utilising AI and GIS for better workforce management. The state is also investing in AI-based governance tools, including solutions using Computer Vision, NLP, and Large Language Models (LLMs) to streamline access to government orders, policies, and schemes.

In urban development, the government is upgrading the Unified Land Management System (ULMS) to enable seamless online approvals for design and building plans.

Boost for Quantum Tech

The government is strengthening quantum technology development with the launch of Phase 2 of the Quantum Research Park, backed by a ₹48 crore investment over three years in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru. Additionally, ₹57 crore has been earmarked for reconstructing the Bengaluru Bio-Innovation Center, which was severely damaged in a fire, with an initial allocation of ₹20 crore for FY 2025-26.



The budget proposed the establishment of the Centre for Applied AI for Tech Solutions (CATS). This initiative will see an investment of ₹50 crore over the next five years, fostering innovation and technological advancements in the AI sector. During the budget speech, Siddaramaiah said the government is prioritising industries and job creation by simplifying compliance rules for industrialists.

Sunburn Arena ft. Zedd lights up Bengaluru with power-packed performance

The much-awaited Sunburn Arena ft. Zedd Tour has officially landed in India and the Bengaluru show was nothing short of spectacular! Making his grand return to the country, the Grammy-winning DJ and producer set the stage on fire, delivering a high-octane performance that left fans in absolute awe. The night was an explosive celebration of music, energy and unfiltered euphoria—exactly what Sunburn Arena is known for.

As the sun began to set, the anticipation in the air was palpable. Before Zedd took the stage, DJs Trement and DJ Prithvi mesmerised the crowd, setting the perfect tone for the night. Mesto then took over, delivering a thrilling set that had the crowd moving ensuring the stage was set for the night's main event.

The moment Zedd took the stage, the crowd erupted in cheers. With pulsating visuals, immersive production and a setlist packed with fan-favourites, the night unfolded like a dream. The audience sang along to superhit anthems like 'Clarity', 'The Middle', 'Stay the Night' and 'Beautiful Now', while massive drops, seamless transitions and stunning light displays kept the energy at an all-time high. The synergy between Zedd and his fans was undeniable, as thousands danced in unison, lost in the music.

The highlight of the evening was when Zedd dropped a banger 'Clarity', 'Beautiful Now' and the best of his Telos album 'Lucky', sending the crowd into a frenzy. The excitement was unmatched as the entire venue echoed with fans singing at the top of their lungs. As the night progressed, Zedd continued to take the audience on an electrifying journey, blending his chart-toppers with unexpected surprises and remixes that kept fans on their toes.

The night wasn't just about the music—it was an immersive, multi-sensory experience. The production was on another level, with larger-than-life LED visuals, mind-blowing pyrotechnics and a flawless audio setup that made every drop hit harder. Fans were transported into Zedd's sonic universe, where every beat pulsed through the crowd like an adrenaline rush.

Bringing the unforgettable night to a close, Zedd left the audience in a state of pure rapture as fireworks rained down and the final beat echoed through the arena.

Karan Singh, CEO, Sunburn, added, "Bringing Zedd back to India was always going to be monumental and last night proved just how deeply fans here love him. The energy in the arena was unparalleled and it's exactly this kind of passion that makes Sunburn Arena so special."

Karnataka Budget 2025-26

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Mopping up revenue

Karnataka expects total receipts of ₹4,08,647 crore in the next fiscal, including ₹2,92,477 crore in revenue receipts and 1.16 lakh crore in borrowings. The state targets ₹1.2 lakh crore from commercial tax, ₹28,000 crore from stamps and registration, ₹15,000 crore from motor vehicle tax, and 9,000 crore from royalties. To streamline tax collection, professional tax for February will be raised from ₹200 to ₹300, aligning with the annual cap of ₹2,500.

Inspiring figures

During the budget presentation, the Chief Minister referenced the works of renowned poets Kuvempu and Gopala Krishna Adiga. He also paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and Dr BR Ambedkar, emphasising the latter's role in framing the Constitution to create an equal and just society. The CM acknowledged the influence of great thinkers like Buddha, Basavanna, and Narayana Guru.

3 new Police divisions for city

The number of police divisions in the city will be increased from eight to 11. Siddaramaiah has proposed four new bomb detection and disposal squads will be set up in Ballari, Davanagere, Mysuru, and Bengaluru Central Zones. "The government will increase the annual health check-up allowance from ₹1,000 to ₹1,500 per officer. The food allowance for personnel on bandobast duty will also be raised from 200 to 300. The ex-gratia amount for the families of civil defence volunteers who lost their lives while on duty will be doubled from 5 lakh to 10 lakh," the CM said.

First organic taluk

Joida taluka in Uttara Kannada district will be transformed into Karnataka's first 'organic taluk' to promote sustainable organic farming. Farmers will be provided with organic certification to help them secure better market opportunities for their produce. Additionally, integrated soil and water management, waste management, efficient water utilisation, and integrated nutrient management will be implemented across 3,000 hectares of farmland in Belagavi, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Kalaburagi, and Mandya in collaboration with sugar factories.

Govt OTT platform

The government is set to launch its own OTT platform to support and promote Kannada cinema. Siddaramaiah said it aims to provide a dedicated space for Kannada films and content. Additionally, the cinema sector will be granted industry status. The CM also proposed a multiplex theatre complex will be developed on 2.5 acres of land owned by the Film Academy in Nandini Layout, Bengaluru, under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

Burn Injury Policy for Women

The Karnataka government is set to introduce a first-of-its-kind policy to prevent and treat burn injuries among women. Siddaramaiah said, "Measures will be taken to ensure that accreditation certificates under the KPME Act are issued within 30 days. A mobile application will be launched to track employee attendance, along with amendments to the Transfers of Employees Act to ensure a fair and transparent transfer process. Additionally, all taluka hospitals will come under the administrative control of district surgeons to improve coordination and efficiency."

International job fair in Bengaluru

The Karnataka government will organise an international job fair in Bengaluru through the International Migration Centre to create job opportunities abroad for the state's youth. During his budget speech, Siddaramaiah said, "The government will launch CMKKY 2.0 with updated guidelines, building on the success of the Chief Minister's Kaushalya Karnataka Yojana. This revamped initiative will go beyond traditional skill development by introducing foreign language training in German, Italian, Spanish, and other languages for nursing students, equipping them with skills to work internationally.

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Devanahalli set to benefit as Namma Metro expands

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday proposed extending Namma Metro to Devanahalli, aiming to strengthen Bengaluru's transport network and ease congestion. He noted that the metro serves around 8.5 lakh commuters daily, covering 68 stations across 79.65 km. Over the next two years, the network will expand by another 98.60 km, including the extension to Devanahalli.

Realtors say the proposed metro extension beyond Kempegowda International Airport to Devanahalli will significantly boost the region's real estate market. Currently, metro work is underway from KR Puram to the airport under Phase 2B, with discussions ongoing to extend it further.

"With seamless metro connectivity, commuting from Devanahalli to key hubs in Bengaluru will become much easier," said realtor Kale Gowda. "Right now, the area relies on road networks, which are often congested. Once operational, travel time will reduce drastically, making Devanahalli a more attractive residential and commercial destination."

Historically, metro connectivity has driven up property prices in areas like Whitefield and Yelahanka. Experts believe Devanahalli, already seeing growth due to its proximity to the airport, will experience a surge in real estate value. "Land prices along the proposed metro corridor are likely to rise as developers anticipate higher demand for housing and commercial spaces," said real estate expert Rajesh.

Anshuman Magazine, Chairman & CEO, CBRE, said Bengaluru's budget allocation for metro expansion, signal-free corridors, and improved drainage will ease congestion. **BMB**

Mysore Road: Bengaluru's emerging realty hotspot

Mysore Road has emerged as one of the most sought-after destinations for plot buyers in the city, thanks to its strategic location, infrastructure development, and promising future. The corridor, which connects Bengaluru to Mysuru, has seen significant real estate appreciation, making it an attractive choice for both investors and homebuyers.

According to realtor Suresh Prabhu, one of the key reasons for this surge in popularity is its excellent connectivity. "The Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway has significantly reduced travel time between the two cities, making the area even more appealing. The upcoming Metro extension along Mysore Road will further improve access to key parts of Bengaluru, driving real estate demand," he said.

The area has also benefited from substantial infrastructure development, with reputed educational institutions, healthcare facilities, IT parks, and industrial zones enhancing its appeal. The growth of commercial and retail hubs is also creating a self-sustained ecosystem for residents. Affordability is a big draw, as plot prices are competitive compared to other prime locations in Bengaluru. **BMB**

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Guess what our best friends share with us?

Labradors and humans share the same obesity genes – new study

Pippa flops by the Aga oven chewing on a stick. At just 12 weeks old, this labrador retriever puppy looks cute but clueless. But when she hears the word "biscuit", her entire demeanour changes. Ears pricked, she's immediately at her owner's feet, gazing adoringly, sitting, even woofing on command.

We led a study to find out how genes have such a significant influence on why humans (and dogs) become overweight. It was their reputation for greediness that led us to focus on labrador retrievers. Genes are responsible for 40%-70% of human obesity – the rest is related to life experience.

We extracted DNA from samples of saliva sent in by interested pet owners. More than ten years after the first dog slobber arrived in the post, the results of our study are striking: dogs don't just share a home with their human owners, they share obesity genes too.

Each of the top five genes that increased the risk of weight gain in labradors were also implicated in human obesity.

Such crossover is not astonishing; both dogs and humans evolved to deal with cycles of food glut and famine. Both have brain mechanisms that drive hunger and satiety to ensure food intake meets our daily energy requirements.

And although we often think of fat as a problem, it does make sense to have some – it is an energy reserve to draw upon in times when food is scarce. Genes influence those mechanisms, but how?

The answer lies in the highly selective nature of dog breeding. A side effect of dog breeding is that it is remarkably straightforward to identify the genes which cause traits – even those like obesity, which come from the net effect of lots of changes along our DNA.

As a vet, I know obesity is a real problem for many of my patients, so we study dogs both for their own sake and as a "model" of human disease.

The genes we found were most important in determining obesity in labradors were not frontrunners in genetic studies of obesity in people. Rather, they were also-rans, with a minor impact on human weight gain.

Normally they wouldn't interest us, but the dog results told us they can have a big effect on body weight and made them worth investigating. That was true of our top labrador obesity gene, DENND1B. Dogs who carried the problem version of this gene had around 8% more body fat, but the effect in humans is only subtle.

It turns out that DENND1B has a previously unrecognised role in the brain's regulation of body weight, for dogs and humans. Leptin is a hormone produced from fat cells in the body. More fat, more leptin.

It acts in the brain by activating "melanocortin receptors" to reduce hunger and increase energy use. The system drives food intake in times of starvation and reduces it when the body has good energy reserves.

We showed DENND1B is produced alongside melanocortin receptors in the brain and alters signalling by them.

There is a lot we still need to learn about DENND1B, but this was a great start, especially since it is notoriously difficult to go from finding a genetic association to providing a molecular link to how the gene is acting in the body. Although not the target of the latest wave of anti-obesity drugs, there are obesity medicines which target melanocortin receptors, so there is real value in understanding the nuances of that brain pathway.

As well as learning about DENND1B function, we also scored dogs in the study as having a high or low obesity risk relating to a larger number of genetic changes. We used a questionnaire asking owners to put a number on their dogs' appetite, their activity levels and the degree to which their owners limited what they got to eat.

> **If you are unlucky enough to get genes that make you prone to obesity, they manifest in greater appetites, making it harder to resist overindulging**

This told us that the genetic risk was largely down to increased appetite – our high-risk dogs were more likely to pester their owners for food, scavenge for scraps, and would eat pretty much anything.

Genes making staying slim harder

Low-risk dogs in our study were all slim or only marginally overweight. But their owners don't get the credit – this group tended to stay at a healthy weight even if owners didn't pay much attention to how they regulated their dogs' diet and exercise.

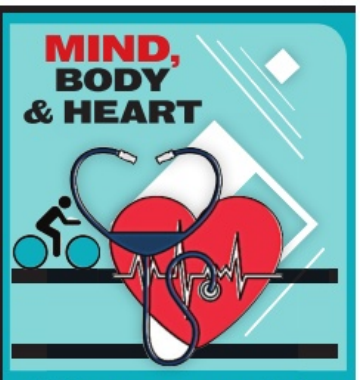
High-risk dogs can be kept slim, but it is much harder work. These owners need to be vigilant at all times to ensure their chow-hounds don't get opportunities to snack and must steel themselves to resist the "big, brown eye treatment" that is such an effective way to beg for food.

The same is true in people. If you are unlucky enough to get genes that make you prone to obesity, they manifest in greater appetites, making it harder to resist overindulging. Slim people aren't morally superior – they just don't need to exert as much willpower to stay at a healthy weight.

So should we try to get rid of these obesity genes? Certainly not, and the reason why brings us back to Pippa, fixated on her treat. The guide dogs in our study had a higher genetic risk than pet labradors.

Since they are the elite performers of the canine world, this maybe gives us a clue as to why greediness has become hard-wired into the labrador genome. "I love these dogs," says owner Chris, "Because they're so easy to train – they'll do anything for a biscuit."

(By Eleanor Raffan, University of Cambridge, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Menopause symptoms

Cognitive impairment
Experiencing more symptoms during menopause is related with a greater cognitive and behavioural impairment later in life, a new study has found.
Nearly 900 post-menopausal women were looked at for the study, conducted by researchers, including those from the University of Calgary, Canada.

High risk
The team said that women around the world are known to be at a three times higher risk of developing Alzheimer's disease, and will be disproportionately affected by the increasing burden of dementia.

Estradiol
Loss of estradiol -- a primary form of the estrogen hormone -- at menopause may confer a unique risk to women, the researchers proposed. Further, while hormone therapy can help ease menopausal symptoms, the findings, published in the journal PLOS One, "suggest that the experience of menopause may indicate (a) susceptibility to cognitive and behavioural changes, both markers of dementia."

Symptoms studied
For the study, data from the ongoing 'CAN-PROTECT' study -- Canadian Platform for Research Online to Investigate Health, Quality of Life, Cognition, Behaviour, Function, and Caregiving in Aging -- was used. The participants, aged 64 years on average, completed demographic, cognitive, and behavioural tests.
Symptoms assessed in the study included irregular periods, hot flashes, a slowed metabolism, mood and sleep problems, inattention, among others.
The study found that women reporting more symptoms had a greater cognitive impairment in language or memory, and mild behavioural problems, such as in social conduct or impulse control. **-PTI**

B'luru's second airport: Will it land in Kanakapura Road or Nelamangala road?

Both locations have their own strengths, but Kanakapura Road seems more viable from a long-term urban planning perspective, say officials

As Bengaluru continues its rapid expansion, the state government has proposed three potential locations for a second airport to ease the pressure on Kempegowda International Airport (KIA).

On Friday, Infrastructure Minister MB Patil announced on his X platform, stating, "We have identified three proposed locations for the city's second international airport; two on Kanakapura Road near Harohalli and one on Kunigal Road (near Nelamangala). A proposal has been sent to the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation."

Among these, two locations are on Kanakapura Road, spanning 4,800 acres and 5,000 acres, respectively, while the third option is near Kunigal Road (5,200 acres), close to Nelamangala. The final decision on the airport's location is expected to impact real estate growth, infrastructure development, and connectivity in and around the chosen site.

Strong contender?

With two out of the three proposed locations on Kanakapura Road, the area is emerging as a frontrunner for the second airport. Kanakapura Road has seen remarkable development over the last few years, driven by its proximity to the city and improving infrastructure. If the government finalises Kanakapura Road, it could transform the region into a high-value real estate corridor.

"An airport on Kanakapura Road will unlock immense potential for residential and commercial developments. With better road connectivity and metro expansion plans, property values will see a sharp appreciation," says real estate expert Ravi Shankar, CEO of a leading property consultancy firm.

Developers and investors are already showing keen interest in the region, anticipating a boom similar to what North Bengaluru experienced after the establishment of KIA. "Land prices along Kanakapura Road are expected to rise by at least 30-40% in the next five years if the airport materialises here," says property developer Nikhil Prasad.

Nelamangala Road's advantage

While Kanakapura Road appears to be leading the race, the government has also identified a location near Kunigal Road, Nelamangala, as a potential site. This area offers the advantage of excellent connectivity via National Highway 48 and the upcoming Bengaluru Peripheral Ring Road. "Nelamangala has great logistical advantages. It already serves as a major transportation hub for goods movement between Bengaluru and other states. If the airport is built here, it could significantly boost industrial and commercial growth," says urban planner Dr Vishwanath Kumar.

Final decision: Which location?

The Centre is evaluating factors such as land acquisition feasibility, infrastructure readiness, and future economic impact. The presence of two proposals for Kanakapura Road suggests the government is leaning towards this corridor. "Both locations have their own strengths, but Kanakapura Road seems more viable from a long-term urban planning perspective," says a official from Urban Development Department. "The region has the potential to develop into a smart city-like ecosystem with tech parks, educational institutions, and townships." While the decision is yet to be made, Kanakapura Road is emerging as the most likely choice for Bengaluru's second airport. If confirmed, the region will witness an unprecedented real estate boom, creating new job opportunities, enhancing connectivity, and transforming South Bengaluru into a major economic hub," added Shiva Kumar, a home buyer.

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Parking hazard ahead

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the total number of such violations soared to 8,18,996.

Recently, a parent shared a video on a social media platform to draw authorities' attention to the issue. "School buses across Bengaluru are struggling to navigate local streets due to vehicles parked at street entries hindering their turning radius and causing delays," he wrote.

Like many others, he too urged authorities to designate street entries as no-parking zones, clearly marked with distinct colours, to facilitate smoother school bus operations. "Because of these issues, bus operators are demanding a change of pickup location," he wrote.

He talked about the time being wasted due to these congestion points.

However, soon after this video was put up, traffic officials cleared the road prompting the user to share another video.

"Today's scenario was completely different! The street entry was free from parked vehicles, and the school bus could easily maneuver and pick up students without any struggle. This proves how parked vehicles on the street create unnecessary obstacles, wasting entries create unnecessary obstacles, wasting time causing inconvenience and also urges that we need designated no-parking zones with clear markings at key street entries to ensure smooth movement of vehicles," he wrote.

At no-parking zones near schools, tuition centres, and busy residential complexes, the situation is at its worst. In some cases, two-wheelers and cars are parked on footpaths, reducing space for buses and pedestrians alike. This post exploded on social media, with many others sharing their experiences. On X, Seenu, a user, posted a video showing an example of how old unwanted vehicles are parked on 4th main, 2nd Block at RT Nagar.

Another frustrated user Sree commented, "Come and see near Seshadripuram Law College Road... they occupy one side of the road and park, no one is there to question or file a case..."

A lot of crosses and mains are chock-a-block with abandoned vehicles, private cars, taxies, water tankers, goods vehicles etc.

Traffic police officials acknowledge the problem and have conducted drives to clear illegal parking. However, they admit that enforcement remains a challenge. "We conduct towing operations and issue fines, but the issue persists due to proper parking infrastructure," said a traffic official.

Traffic officials suggest that the problem stems from Bengaluru's rapid urbanisation and the lack of adequate parking spaces. With a growing number of private vehicles on the roads, many drivers resort to illegal parking, leading to congestion and inconvenience for larger vehicles.

Meanwhile a X user Agnibagni stated, "Everywhere it is the same issues. Citizens construct a house without parking space and put their vehicle on the roads then cause huge trouble for roaming vehicles..."

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Radhika wears director's cap

Actor set to make directorial debut with action-fantasy film 'Koyta'

Actor Radhika Apte is set to make her directorial debut with the action-fantasy film Koyta (Sickle), according to Variety.

The film is produced by Bollywood filmmaker Vikramaditya Motwane. Motwane has previously worked on projects like Black Warrant, which marked the debut of Ranbir Kapoor's cousin Zahan Kapoor. The news was announced as part of the CineVCHD Market lineup, which was revealed during the Cinevesture International Film Festival (CIFF), reported Variety. This year's lineup includes 22 different projects from both well-known and new filmmakers.

According to Variety, Koyta will be in Hindi and Marathi. The story follows a young migrant sugarcane cutter who undergoes a forced medical procedure that gives her superpowers. She then uses these powers to help free her family from debt.

Meanwhile, on the work front, the actress will next be seen in the period thriller Akka, which also stars Keerthy Suresh.

The first look for the series was unveiled in February at a grand Netflix event in Mumbai.

The series is set in the 1980s in the fictional South Indian city of Pernuru, where a matriarchal society dominates. The story revolves around gangster queens whose reign is challenged when an outsider threatens their rule, leading to a violent battle for survival. Akka is written and directed by Dharmaraj Shetty and produced by Aditya Chopra, Yogendra Mogre, and Akshaye Widhani under YRF Entertainment.

–ANI

Why is Ananya struggling to leave her house?

Bollywood actress Ananya Panday recently revealed the challenge she is facing in stepping out of her house.

Taking to her Instagram handle, the 'Student of the Year 2' actress posted an adorable photo of her pet dogs and captioned it, "How am I meant to leave the house ever??." In the image, her furry friends can be seen sitting and gazing at the actress as she clicks their photo.

Ananya had previously revealed her new "travel buddy."

"The actress took to her Instagram Stories to reveal her latest companion—a book. To help her get through March, Ananya has chosen Agatha Christie's iconic "Death on the Nile." Along with the snap of the book, Ananya captioned the post, "Travel buddy this March."

–IANS

Cynthia boards action thriller

Academy Award-nominated actress Cynthia Erivo has signed on to star in Lionsgate's upcoming action thriller 'Karoshi'.

Erivo, who is currently in production on several high-profile projects, will join forces with Teo Yoo and Isabel May in the film, which is set to begin production in June, confirmed Deadline.

'Karoshi', directed by Takashi Doscher from his own script, is described as a corporate thriller with a samurai twist.

While plot details and role specifics for Erivo, Yoo, and May are being kept under wraps, the film promises to deliver high-octane action and suspense. 'Karoshi' is being produced by 87Eleven Entertainment's Chad Stahelski, Alex Young, and Jason Spitz, through their deal with Lionsgate.

Erivo, who recently wrapped up filming on the two-part 'Wicked' movie adaptation, is set to appear in a slew of upcoming projects. She will star as a set of sextuplets in Season 2 of Peacock's 'Poker Face', and will also take on the role of Jesus in the Hollywood Bowl production of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' this summer.

–ANI

Not an easy watch

SOORI LOVES SANDHYA (KANNADA)

2.5 RATING ★★½☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Yadav Raj
- **ACTORS** Abhimanyu Kashinath, Apurva, Prathap Narayan, Jaya Ramanna
- **Duration** 131 minutes
- **Certification** A

This movie had created a lot of buzz after Real Star Upendra showered praise on its lead pair during a pre-release event for their sterling performances in the climax. Director Yadav Raj has tried his best by keeping it packed with elements such as romance, sentiments, violence, action in the film. Though the Central Board of Film Certification has issued an A certificate to this movie, some of the scenes, especially the climax, are hard to digest. Family audiences may find it difficult to watch such scenes which were better off edited out. The director might have got inspiration from real incidents that took place in some cities in the country. But the director could have cut the runtime of the climax scene by one or two minutes, to make the film truly entertaining, even for adults.

The movie begins with Suri (Abhimanyu Kashinath) being released from a prison. He wants to meet his lover Sandhya (Apurva) but he is unable to. He meets Sandhya's brother Viji (Prathap Narayan), a prospective corporator, to know about her whereabouts. At this juncture, the director introduces a flashback narrating how Sandhya falls in love with Suri, a painter, and how they decide to elope and how circumstances twice to land Suri behind bars.

Suri comes to know Sandhya is in Kolar and meets her. She asks him to take her on a pilgrimage. What happens to them is what Soori Loves Sandhya is all about.

Abhimanyu Kashinath is good in action scenes. Apurva, as a rape victim, has acted well.

–Y Maheswara Reddy

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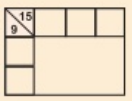
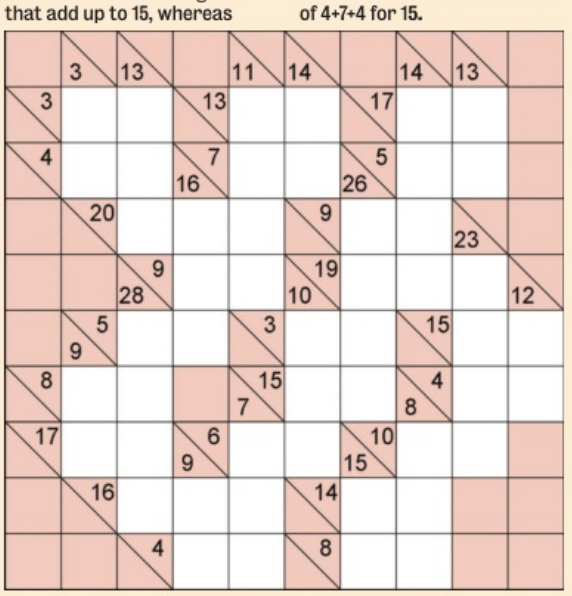
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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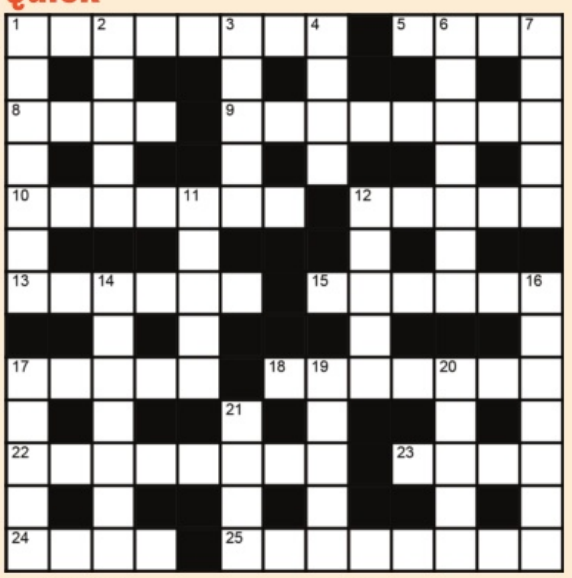


ACROSS

1 Nonchalant, peaceful or self-possessed (8)
5 Pimples (4)
8 Secular; a layman (4)
9 ____ Memorial Hall: Venue for plays and musical performances in Kodandarampura (8)
10 Coupon (7)
12 Funnel-shaped (5)
13 Austria's capital (6)
15 Losing colour, freshness or strength (6)
17 Bulgarian capital (5)
18 Flat pasta sheets (7)
22 Gave support to (6,2)
23 Local headgear? (4)
24 Go on a bicycle (4)
25 Measure of land-or inspector of buildings (8)

DOWN

1 Mideast metropolis (3,4)
2 Goodbye, monsieur (5)
3 Grandfather's son (5)
4 Weaver's machine (4)
6 Italian wine (7)
7 Principle of conduct (5)
11 Accord or City manufacturers (5)
12 Talons (5)
14 Obliterated, wiped out or negated (7)
16 City in Madhya Pradesh (7)
17 Not at all drunk (5)
19 Of equal value? (2,3)
20 Honour or distinction (5)
21 Appends or joins (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: D EQUALS T

QJQB XGOVMPW XVB QBPEMQ ZVMPWZLI; GBSK DZQ FMVJQ XVB QBPEMQ WEWIQBWQ.

Linemaro

You are so beautiful, your birthday should be a national holiday

Mindchow

An appeaser is one who feeds the crocodile, hoping that it will eat him last

Joke of the day

What did the alien say to the petrol pump? 'Take your finger out of your nose while I talk to you'.

Loop

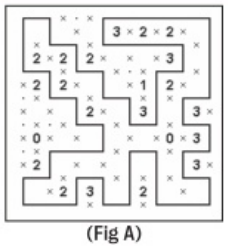
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

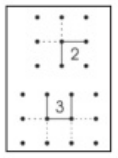
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

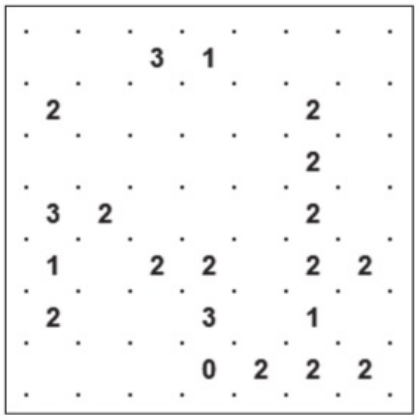
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



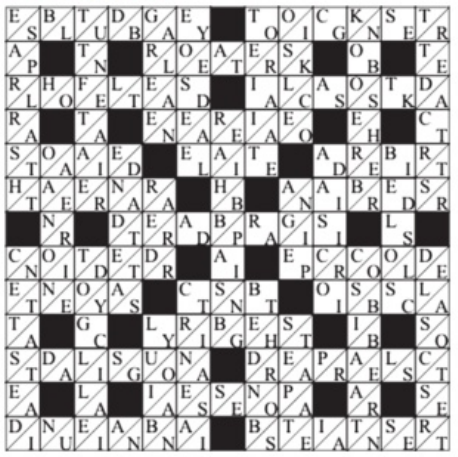
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



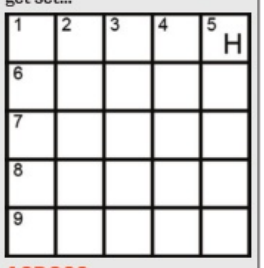
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

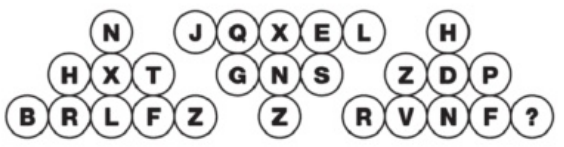
1 Aphis; 6 Olent; 7 Greed; 8 Sapor; 9 Thy lo

DOWN

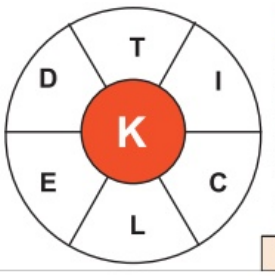
1 A help; 2 Pored; 3 Tigon; 4 Slate; 5 Or shy

Mensapuzzle

Which letter replaces the question mark and completes the sequence?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

9 Average; 11 Good; 13 Outstanding

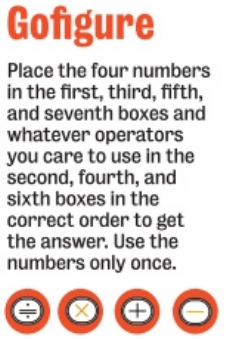
SudokuChallenge

				6				
1	6						5	7
	3	7		4		9	1	
7	5		9		3		8	2
6	2		4		5		3	1
	8	3		7		1	4	
2	9						7	8
				9				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



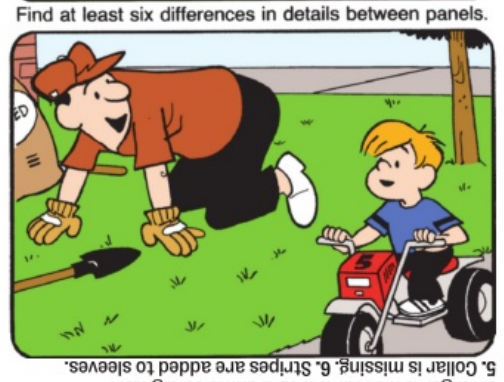
Easy = 12
6 6 9 9

Medium = 3
2 3 4 5

Hard = 19
1 5 6 8

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



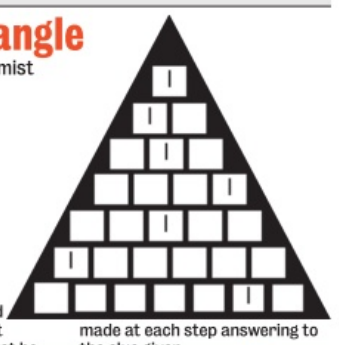
Differences: 1. Foot is moved. 2. Cap is larger. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Tree trunk is straighter. 5. Collar is missing. 6. Stripes are added to sleeves.

Riddler

In the spring, a 17-rung ladder is placed against Santa Claus's house. The rungs are spaced 15 cm apart. During winter, snow falls at a rate of 30 cm per hour. After 3.5 hours of snowfall, how many rungs remain uncovered by the snow?

Alpha triangle

1 Iodine for the chemist
2 Not out
3 Type of ear
4 Not supporting
5 Very dim
6 Actually (2,4)
7 Helter-skelter

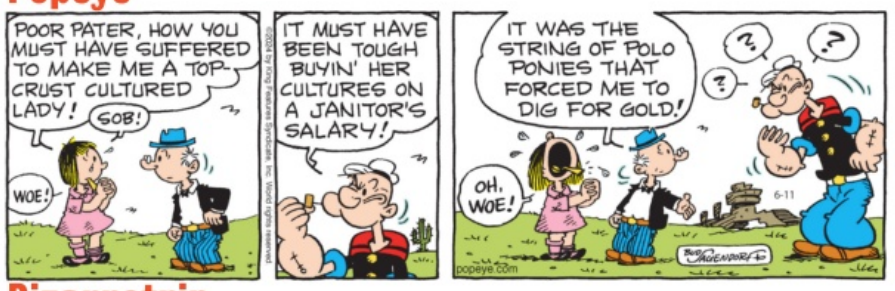


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye


POOR PATER, HOW YOU MUST HAVE SUFFERED TO MAKE ME A TOP-CRUST CULTURED LADY!
SOB!
WOE!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN TOUGH BUYIN' HER CULTURES ON A JANITOR'S SALARY!
IT WAS THE STRING OF POLO PONIES THAT FORCED ME TO DIG FOR GOLD!
?
?
?
OH, WOE!
6-11
popeye.com

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

COME ON BACK TO MY PLACE SO I CAN AT LEAST MAKE YOU A MEAL FOR KEEPING AN EYE ON THERESA FOR THE LAST WEEK.
SURE!
I TRAIN DOGS FOR THE PONTCHARTRAIN DOG SHOW.
AMONGST OTHER SHOWS.
WHOA!
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Crankshaft

THE BAND DIRECTOR AT THE HIGH SCHOOL HERE IN CENTERVILLE HAD TO TAKE AN EMERGENCY SICK LEAVE...
AND THERE'S NO ONE TO DIRECT THE HOLIDAY CONCERT!
THAT'S UNFORTUNATE.
IF THEY CAN'T FIND ANYONE TO DIRECT THE BAND, APPARENTLY THE INDUSTRIAL ARTS TEACHER SAID HE'D DO IT!
NOW THAT'S A TRAGEDY!
BATIUK & DAVIS
tombatiuk.com/books

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Health issues from the past may resurface, causing discomfort. Avoid impatience, as poor decisions could lead to setbacks. Be mindful of unnecessary expenses, as impulsive purchases may drain your finances.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
The Moon's blessings bring happiness and financial stability. Gains from past investments will boost your confidence. Quick and effective decisions at work will lead to positive outcomes.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
A busy yet productive day awaits. With the support of a strong professional network, your plans will be successfully executed. Profits from past investments will strengthen your finances. A romantic and harmonious time with your spouse is likely, and lovebirds will cherish special moments.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Challenges from the past week will fade, bringing relief. Your efforts will start paying off, and postponed tasks can now resume with the help of subordinates. Financial stability in business may improve.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
A dull day could lower your energy levels. Health concerns may arise, so take care of yourself. Avoid making new investments or starting a business, as potential losses are likely. Financial caution is advised.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Enthusiasm will drive progress in projects. Quick decisions will benefit business growth. A new partnership innovation may emerge, but avoid investing in fixed assets with business partners at this time.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
The Moon's influence brings good health, possibly resolving old ailments. Stuck financial matters may be settled, improving liquidity. You might consider applying for a loan for luxury purchases.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Confidence will be high, and decision-making will be strong. You will seize new opportunities with clarity. Higher studies or intellectual discussions with experts may be on the agenda.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Difficult tasks will be handled with ease, boosting confidence. Past investments may bring financial gains. Avoid unnecessary arguments, as they could waste valuable time. Be cautious with spending.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
A highly productive day awaits. Property disputes with siblings may be resolved, strengthening family ties. Networking with influential individuals could open new opportunities. A short trip may be on the horizon.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Strong communication skills may help secure a significant business order. Your polite and respectful demeanour will earn admiration. With the support of colleagues, you can make crucial business decisions.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
A fortunate day under the Moon's blessings. High energy levels will enhance productivity. Romantic moments with your spouse will strengthen relationships. Plans for a new project may take shape, and job seekers could find promising opportunities. Lovebirds should avoid unnecessary arguments.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= 4*1/4+1/4 = 4*1/2 = 2
= 4*1/4-(-1/4)
= 4*1/4+1/4*-1/4

RIDDLER 10 rungs. 3.5 hours = 7 half-hours. So, 7 rungs in 3.5 hours. 17 - 7 = 10 rungs

QUOTE Even cowards can endure hardship; only the brave can endure suspense.

BULL'S EYE
deck, dike, kilt, kite, kited, lick, licked, like, liked, tick, ticked, tickle, TICKLED

FAST FIVE

H	O	T	L	Y
P	R	O	A	S
E	D	G	E	R
L	E	N	T	O
A	P	I	S	H

STRIKE OUT

S	L	U	D	G	Y	T	I	C	K	E	R			
P	N	R	O	A	R	S	O	P	E					
L	O	F	T	E	D	A	L	A	S	K	A			
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C	O	D	E	D	I	E	C	O	L	E				
E	N	O	S	T	N	T	O	S	S	A				
A	C	L	I	G	H	T	B	S						
L	E	N	T	O										
D	U	E	N	N	A	B	E	A	T	E	R			

QUICK

R	I	D	E	S	U	R	V	E	Y	O	R			
E	E	D	A	R	O									
B	A	C	K	E	D	U	P	T	O	P	I			
O	A	T	L											
S	O	F	I	A	L	A	S	A	G	N	A			
V	I	E	N	N	A	F	A	D	I	N	G			
I	O	L	T											
V	O	U	C	H	E	R	C	O	N	I	C			
A	E	L	M	A	I									
L	A	I	C	C	H	O	W	D	I	A	H			
E	D	N	O	H	T									
T	R	A	N	Q	U	I	L	A	C	N	E			

MENSA PUZZLE
X. In each triangular shape, start on the extreme left and move in a clockwise spiral towards the centre. Letters are written in alphabetical order, in steps of 6 letters for the left hand shape, 7 letters for the centre, and 8 letters for the right hand shape.

SUDOKU

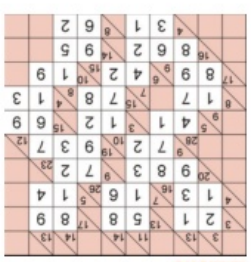
4	7	1	3	9	8	2	6	5
2	9	6	1	5	4	3	7	8
5	8	3	2	7	6	1	4	9
6	2	9	4	8	5	7	3	1
3	1	8	6	2	7	5	9	4
7	5	4	9	1	3	6	8	2
8	3	7	5	4	2	9	1	6
1	6	2	8	3	9	4	5	7
9	4	5	7	6	1	8	2	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
I, In, Tin, Anti, faint, In fact, Frantic.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 - 9 + 6 + 6 = 12
2 - 5 / 3 + 4 = 3
Medium
6 + 5 + 8 x 1 = 19
Hard

LOOP

KAKURO



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